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SUBJECT: BRAZIL NO LONGER SEEKS TO SEND LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE
PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR DISPOSAL

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11. (SBU) Per REFTEL A, on September 11 Science Counselor and Science Officer discussed with Brazil's Ministry of External Relations' (MRE) Acting Director of the Division for Disarmament and Sensitive Technologies (DDS) Fabio Simao Alves the proposal to transfer of low-level radioactive items from Brazil's Angra I nuclear power plant to the United States for decontamination and disposal. Earlier, per REFTEL B, the Embassy had sent the MRE a diplomatic note (no. 456 in September 2008) regarding this proposed import into the United States from Brazil of low level radioactive protective clothing for decontamination and disposal. Following delivery of that diplomatic note, Emboffs had pressed the MRE/DDS for a response. On those occasions, the MRE/DDS said that a response would be forthcoming, but until this latest meeting that had not happened.

12. (SBU) Now, we have an answer. Acting Director Alves said he had looked into the matter. He informed Post that the Brazilian state-owned company Eletronuclear had the protective clothing and that it planned to decontaminate and dispose of the clothing in Brazil. Therefore, Brazil no longer has plans to export this low level radioactive clothing to the United States for decontamination and disposal.

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